



City of Milwaukee

Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, February 15, 2006

9:00 AM

Council Anteroom

Roll call taken at 9:03 A.M.

Present: 5 - Halloran O'Meara, Toran, Ellis, Bernstein, Wacker

Excused: 2 - Turner, Hintz

1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

Ms. Wacker moved, seconded by Ms. Toran, for approval of the minutes. There were no objections.

2. The Board may convene into closed session to hear disciplinary matters and related information pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(b) and/or (f), Wis. Stats., and to consider and render confidential advice pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats.

Ms. Halloran moved, seconded by Ms. Wacker, to go into closed session to hear disciplinary matters and related information pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(b) and/or (f), Wis. Stats., and to consider and render confidential advice pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats. There were no objections.

Mr. Bernstein moved, seconded by Ms. Toran, to go into open session. There were no objections.

3. The Board may then convene into open session as authorized by s. 19.85(2), Wis. Stats.

During closed session, the board considered a verified complaint and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint.

4. Report from research assistant relative to office activities of the previous month.

Ms. Devereaux is still getting completed Statements of Economic Interest and returning incomplete forms as needed. The Board has received 155 completed forms (approximately 1/3 of the forms). An Assistant City Attorney noted that the form does not define "organizations with which you are associated", while the Milw. Code does (requiring that filers look at the Code to note that immediate family members also must be included). The form will be amended next year. Ms. Devereaux responded to one open

records request. Two letters sent to members of the Equal Rights Board were returned with no forwarding address. Ms. Devereaux will do an Internet search to try to locate the two members. The City Clerk contacted the Board about doing informational sessions for Council members. Once the dates/times are set, individual members will be contacted about doing the sessions. A letter was sent to the Dept. of Employee Relations requesting a salary survey of the Research Assistant position.

5. Update on returns of the 2005 Statement of Economic Interest forms.

All returns are due by February 28th. This item was also discussed under item #4.

6. View draft of payroll stuffer.

Ms. Devereaux didn't have a chance to do a draft, but she did bring the stuffer from last year. The text will be changed from "rebuild" to "strengthen" Milwaukee's ethics on the first page of the flyer and the member listing updated. Any other editing comments should be sent to Ms. Devereaux.

7. Review statement of economic interest forms for new board/commission members and designated City employees.

There were no new statements for review. The form of Jennifer Havas was corrected and returned to the Board.

8. Set next meeting date(s).

March 15 and April 26 at 9 a.m.

Meeting adjourned: 10:16 A.M.

*Linda M. Elmer
Staff Assistant*